

STAFF REPORT

January 16, 2002

TO: LAFCO Commissioners

FROM: Everett Millais, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Presentation by City of Oxnard – RiverPark Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive presentation and comment on draft EIR as appropriate

DISCUSSION:

The enclosed materials have been provided by the City of Oxnard as background for the City's informational presentation to the Commission about the proposed RiverPark Project. No proposal from the City of Oxnard relating to the RiverPark Project is now pending with the Commission, but based on future City actions one or more annexation or reorganization proposals will likely be forthcoming. Even though no final actions concerning this project can be taken at the January 20 meeting, questions, comments and/or observations about the information to be presented by the City are appropriate.

The draft Environmental Impact Report for the RiverPark Project has been distributed for public comment. The public comment period ends on January 21. Staff is now reviewing the draft EIR and will have a draft response letter available at the January 16 meeting. Following the January 16 meeting staff will finalize the response letter, including any comments by the Commission pertinent to the EIR. Staff has one review copy of the full EIR. Any Commissioner interested in reviewing the full EIR should contact staff and we will request that the City of Oxnard provide you with a copy.

While there is no application pending and staff has not done any formal analysis of the project, staff has met several times with representatives of the City and the developers about the project. Staff also responded to the Notice of Preparation for the EIR via the attached letter.

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